

1 In no event shall a child be considered an eligible toddler after the  
2 beginning of the school year immediately following the child's third  
3 ~~birthday-birthday~~, unless the Secretary and the State Board enter into  
4 an agreement under G.S. 115C-106.4(c)."

5 **SECTION 3.(o)** The caption to Part 13A of Chapter 143B of the General  
6 Statutes reads as rewritten:

7 "Part 13A. Interagency Coordinating Council for ~~Handicapped~~ Children with  
8 Disabilities from Birth to Five Years of Age."

9 **SECTION 3.(p)** The caption to G.S. 143B-179.6 reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 143B-179.6. Interagency Coordinating Council for ~~Handicapped~~ Children with**  
11 **Disabilities from Birth to Five Years of Age; agency cooperation."**

12 **SECTION 3.(q)** G.S. 143B-216.40 reads as rewritten:

13 "**§ 143B-216.40. Establishment; operations.**

14 There are established, and there shall be maintained, the following schools for the  
15 deaf: the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf at Wilson (K-12) and the North  
16 Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton (K-12). The Department of Health and  
17 Human Services shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the schools.

18 The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Schools for the Deaf shall advise the  
19 Department and shall adopt rules ~~and regulations~~ concerning the schools as provided in  
20 ~~G.S. 115C-124 and 143B-173.~~ G.S. 143B-173 and G.S. 143B-216.40."

21 **SECTION 4.(a)** Article 25A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is  
22 amended by adding the following new section to read:

23 "**§ 115C-375.5. Education for Pregnant and Parenting Students.**

24 (a) Pregnant and parenting students shall receive the same educational instruction  
25 or its equivalent as other students. A local school administrative unit may provide  
26 programs to meet the special scheduling and curriculum needs of pregnant and  
27 parenting students. However, student participation in these programs shall be voluntary  
28 and the instruction and curriculum must be comparable to that provided other students.

29 (b) Local boards of education shall adopt a policy to ensure that pregnant and  
30 parenting students are not discriminated against or excluded from school or any  
31 program, class, or extracurricular activity because they are pregnant or parenting  
32 students. The policy shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

33 (1) Local school administrative units shall use, as needed, supplemental  
34 funds from the At-Risk Student Services allotment to support  
35 programs for pregnant and parenting students.

36 (2) Notwithstanding Part 1 of Article 26 of this Chapter, pregnant and  
37 parenting students shall be given excused absences from school for  
38 pregnancy and related conditions for the length of time the student's  
39 physician finds medically necessary. This includes absences due to the  
40 illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom  
41 the student is the custodial parent.

42 (3) Homework and make-up work shall be made available to pregnant and  
43 parenting students to ensure that they have the opportunity to keep